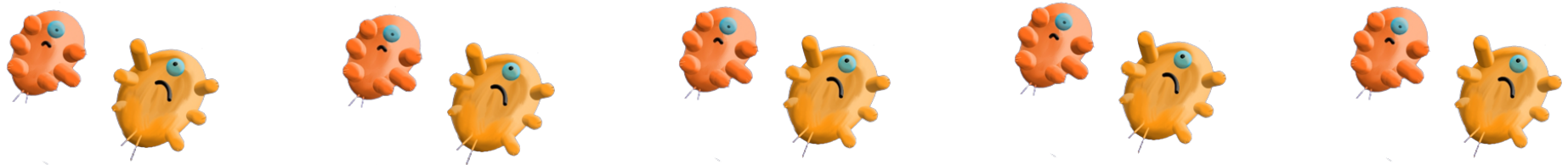


Marina has laid many eggs, I am nervous. What will it be like to be a father?

Copepods hatch from eggs, and when we do, we have a very different shape than when we are older. We do not have as many legs or antennae, but we are very playful.

Our children have broken their shells, and now they are swimming all over the place and will not stop crying.



**To learn more:** Once fertilized, female copepods reproduce by laying eggs, which, depending on the species, are released into the water or carried in one or two bags at the base of the abdomen until they hatch. The larva that hatches from the egg is called the nauplius.